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BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

By Consul General George H. Murphy, Cape Town, June 14.

The deranged condition of the world's commerce and of the carrying trade in 1915, owing to the war, renders a statistical survey of the trade situation in South Africa perplexing and unreliable, as comparisons, to a large extent, have lost their values. A most important factor was the complete cessation of trade in both directions with the hostile countries, involving the diversion into other channels of that large business.

There was also a heavy decrease in the imports from Sweden and Norway on account of the war.

On the other hand there are striking instances of increased trade. This was especially true of the United States and Argentina; imports from the latter nearly doubled between 1913 and 1915. There were also notable increases in the imports from Italy, Japan, and the Dutch East Indies.

In spite of a considerable decline in the total amount of South African imports, the United Kingdom's percentage was not seriously affected, but there was a marked decline in business with Australia, resulting from the inability of that country to export wheat and flour owing to crop failures.

The United States largely took Germany's place as an importer of South African wool. Prior to the war, Bradford took most of South Africa's mohair; but this now goes largely to the United States. It is possible that the acquisition of new markets for its produce during the war may prove helpful to South Africa after the war in connection with the development of its trade.

Leaving ostrich feathers out of account, in 1915 the export figures of produce of the land were about 30 per cent higher than in 1911.

Trade with the United Kingdom and the United States.

The United Kingdom's share of the total South African import trade increased from 56.6 per cent to 58.4 per cent, while that credited to the United States advanced from 9.6 per cent to 15.1 per cent.

According to published figures, the exports of South African produce for 1915 were less than one-half of those for the preceding year, amounting to only about $73,000,000 in value, against approximately $187,000,000 for 1914. This decrease, however, is accounted for by the fact that, for war reasons, information regarding gold shipments was withheld by the Union authorities. The complete returns make it appear that Great Britain's share of South Africa's export trade fell from 87.7 per cent in 1914 to 65.6 per cent in 1915. These figures are misleading, however, because a considerable share of the

United States' importations from South Africa has always been received indirectly via England and other countries, and has accordingly not been included in the figures credited to America. During 1915, however, there were largely increased direct shipments of wool and other articles to the United States.

Trade of the Future.

The Trades Commissioner of the Union in London, in a recent interview about the future of South African trade, said that two great factors would have to be considered: The financial position of Europe as compared with that of America, and the opening of the Panama Canal and its influence upon the course of trade.

For the exportation of South African raw materials, such as wool, mohair, hides and skins, and ostrich feathers the destination has, in consequence of the war, undergone a considerable change; but the commissioner hoped that London would again become the center for the distribution of these important products, it having always been the market for the fixing of the prices of these raw materials. The commissioner said:

> I do not wish to discourage the exports of these large world commodities direct to the countries where they are consigned, providing it can be done cheaper than via London, i. e., if there are shipping facilities; but, unless great financial advantage is obtained by direct shipping, I would not encourage this being done. A new market is not gained by inviting anyone to buy direct or by buying locally and shipping direct. That is only losing a customer or competitor in the already established market. By shipping direct you are weakening that market; and, if you weaken it sufficiently, the prices which that market has fixed will become irregular, and this will materially affect prices upon which dealings are effected here. It is essential that the great central market for our raw materials should be sustained at its fullest strength. The best market in which to sell an article is the one where the greater number of buyers concentrate, and the best market in which to buy an article is where the largest range of the different grades of that article are exhibited.

He added that a good demand existed for all raw materials at high prices, but that these prices were largely offset by the difficulties of transportation, the producers' net receipts not being more than before the war.

Future Trade in Ostrich Feathers, Meat, and Fruit.

Before the war ostrich feathers were in great demand, but as all the belligerents will probably have to be economical for some time after the war ends, it is not probable that extravagant fashions will be followed. Of course there is still America, and it is quite possible that the United States will play an important part in the world of fashion. The United States is practically the only buyer of ostrich feathers at present, and it is necessary, therefore, that this position be carefully watched with a view to continued exportations.

Emphasis was laid by the Trades Commissioner in his interview upon the importance of the increasing exports of meat, and upon his desire to see South Africa a large meat-exporting country.

Fruit raising has also become of vital interest in the last few years. About 500,000 orange trees have been planted especially for the export trade, and hundreds of thousands more will soon be planted. Within a few years millions of boxes of fruit will be exported from South Africa. This will become a far more important permanent trade than that in ostrich feathers. If there had been room in the steamers it is very probable that at least a million boxes of oranges

would have been shipped this year. The largest exportation prior to the war was 452,000 boxes. This shows a material increase during the past few years.

Government Finances—Moratorium.

The estimated revenue for the year ended March 31, 1916, was $78,321,451, but it is believed that the actual revenue will exceed that sum by at least $3,000,000. Should the revenue to be realized by the income tax and the tax on gold profits fulfill expectations, the position may be somewhat better, and the excess revenue over the estimated amount may possibly reach $5,000,000. This will mean a surplus of about $2,500,000 to carry forward to the coming year.

The position of the railway finances gives promise of a gain over anticipations of a year ago. For the 10 months ended January 31 the actual revenues in every instance exceeded the estimated revenues.

The revenue from the harbors greatly exceeded the expenditures, and, after deducting last year's deficit of about $1,850,000, it is hoped that there will be an actual surplus of almost $5,000,000.

In the report issued by the Public Debt Commissioners for the financial year ended March 31, 1915, the total debt was $672,602,747 (funded debt $575,802,840 and floating debt $96,799,907). In the floating debt there was an increase of $61,232,478, but the funded debt decreased by $3,250,428. The interest charge for the year for the funded debt was $19,762,112, and for the floating debt $3,317,630, making a total of $23,079,742.

Estimating the white population to be 1,389,054, the debt per head is approximately $490, while the annual interest charge amounts to almost $20 per head.

In 1910 the public debt was $566,960,039; 1911, $555,934,205; 1912, $570,648,389; 1913, $573,414,794; and 1914, $617,213,294; while the estimate for 1916 is $827,305,000.

The moratorium law, which was enacted soon after the beginning of the war, was in force throughout 1915. In order to secure the benefits of the law application had to be made to the courts. This, and the fact that business continued fairly active during the year resulted in the law being rarely resorted to. Money was plentiful and bills were met much the same as before the war.

The Mining Industry.

At the commencement of the war the diamond mines were closed and the exportation of gold ceased, the gold produced being accumulated in the banks under Government control. This interruption of the principal business of the country, added to increases in freight and insurance rates, and to questions of contraband, prohibited exportations, trading with the enemy, etc., contributed to a rapid development of abnormal conditions, which not only adversely influenced import and export trade, but also reduced the revenue of the Government and thus increased the necessity for national economy and increased taxation. Moreover, individual economy was urged for personal and patriotic reasons, and luxuries have to a large extent been abandoned. During the latter part of the year operations at the diamond mines were resumed to a limited extent, and needed employment was furnished, thus relieving the families of many unskilled laborers. Gold was also exported from time to time, reducing the accumulations in the banks.

Gold mining is predominantly the chief industry of South Africa. It is also, directly or indirectly, the principal source of revenue both for the people and for the Government. It is said that during the last 10 years the Rand has produced more gold than was produced by the entire world in the first half of the nineteenth century, and that its production to-day is approximately two-fifths of the total output of the world.

Of the producing mines, the average yield for remuneration of capital is said to be only about 10 per cent, while in many instances the profit is so small that a slight increase in working costs must necessitate the closing down of the mines. If the profits can be increased, capital will probably again flow into the Rand; but such an increase depends upon either the discovery of new bodies of rich ore or the invention of more economical processes. Unfortunately the present tendency is toward increased costs.

Labor Conditions.

The lack of a sufficient number of workmen in the mines became a vital question for a time. Prior to the outbreak of the war, the diamond-mining industry ranked next to gold mining in magnitude. The closing down of these mines threw many unskilled workmen out of employment. The diamonds on hand are sufficient to supply the demands until it is deemed advisable to recommence work on a larger scale.

During December, 1915, the number of laborers employed in the mines and lime and flint works of the Union was as follows:

Mines and works.	Whites.	Natives.	Total.
Gold	23,069	223,764	246,833
Diamond	1,248	2,054	3,302
Coal	1,274	24,595	25,869
Base minerals	587	7,414	8,001
Lime and flint	58	970	1,028
Total	26,236	258,797	285,033

The Rand Gold Mines.

The year's output of gold was the highest yet reached, the figures for 1912 having been increased by the inclusion of a large amount of reserve gold.

During the period September, 1915, to January, 1916, the Transvaal production was at the rate of $194,660,000 per annum, for the first time in history.

The average grade of ore treated fell 8 cents, while the average working costs increased from $4.20 to $4.28 and, in February last to $4.50 per ton milled.

The working costs of the industry, $121,662,500, remain largely in the country.

Although the working profit per ton showed a reduction of 16 cents, the total working profit was $1,006,251 higher than in 1914. Dividends fell from $40,898,358 to $38,079,384, which was largely due to the special war levy of $2,433,250 on the gold mines.

The ratio of the Transvaal output to the world's total continued to increase. It amounted to 40 per cent in 1915, as compared with 38 per cent in 1914, and represented 67 per cent of the gold production of the British Empire.

Increased Costs of Production.

The average increase in the price of supplies was approximately 15 per cent. This was equivalent to $7,299,750 per annum for the industry, or 26 cents per ton milled. Steps were taken early in the year to obtain reserve stocks of all important supplies to cover four months' consumption, which was attained in nearly every instance. The outstanding example was the increased cost of zinc sheets, which now cost $462.32 a ton, as against $160.59 before the war.

With a view to conserving supplies of glycerin, the amount absorbed in producing explosives was considerably reduced, and arrangements were made to carry out investigations and experiments on a more comprehensive scale. The increased cost of realization on gold amounted to about $1,946,600, due mainly to the war risk. The war bonus granted certain classes of workers amounted to approximately $194,600. The main reason the companies were able to maintain their output was the ample supply of native labor, and at present there is no prospect of any considerable reduction of that supply.

Local Manufacture of Engineering Requirements Discussed.

A report by the Government Munitions and Industries Committee has been issued calling attention to the possibility of manufacturing in this country certain articles that are yearly imported for engineering requirements. It is mentioned that certain shops are turning out hammers, rock drills, spares, etc., and that this production should be increased. One firm alone has undertaken to supply 120,000 hammers per annum. The report points out that handles for picks, beaters, shovels, axes, and hammers (now all imported), can be made in South Africa; that 100 tons of hand-drill steel per month can be produced; that steel rails from 12 pounds to 25 pounds per yard can be made, as well as fish plates, dog spikes, points, and crossings for railway purposes; also mine trucks, provided that plates are available. Engine spares and parts are already being made. The committee suggests that the supply of local made rope is insufficient to meet demands, and that the output should be increased. Within the last year orders have been placed in Australia for nearly 1,000,000 hardwood sleepers for the railways. Steel sleepers can not now be manufactured in this country, but it is proposed to widely exploit local and Rhodesian sources of supply in order to provide wooden instead of steel sleepers.

It is believed that manufacturing on a large scale of the many articles mentioned in the report can hardly be undertaken at present, because practically all of the workshops in this country are being utilized to their fullest extent. Also the termination of the war will, undoubtedly, see the lowering of prices as well as ocean freights, whereupon foreign manufacturers will again enter into sharp competition with producers in this country.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

By Consul Edwin N. Gunsaulus, Johannesburg, July 27.

The report of the Johannesburg consulate covering the year 1915 [see Supplement No. 66a to Commerce Reports for Sept. 14, 1916] contained, besides a general review of commercial and industrial conditions in the district, tables of the principal articles entering

into the import and export trade of the Union of South Africa. The present report contains information relating almost exclusively to the import trade of the Union (outside of Rhodesia) by articles and countries of origin based upon the official statistics compiled and published by the Department of Customs and Excise of the Union of South Africa. The figures are given for the entire Union, as no separate statistics are furnished for the Johannesburg district.

The Import Trade by Countries of Origin.

The value of the imports of merchandise (excluding goods for the South African governments) into the Union of South Africa by countries of origin in 1914 and 1915 is shown in the following table:

Countries of origin.	1914	1915	Countries of origin.	1914	1915
British Empire	$105,097,070	$98,043,385	Foreign countries—Con.		
United Kingdom	86,332,513	83,060,473	Russia	$441,713	$155,743
Canada	3,791,373	4,759,817	Spain	168,279	288,822
India	4,862,398	6,159,174	Sweden	2,498,748	2,187,560
Ceylon	1,030,486	1,112,317	Switzerland	977,694	1,545,751
Australia	7,610,378	2,211,995	Japan (including Formosa)	536,575	1,078,382
Foreign countries	46,585,238	43,342,288	United States	14,645,717	21,476,585
Austria-Hungary	582,637	33,213	Argentina	146,457	1,535,040
Belgium	1,708,842	140,234	Brazil	2,357,560	2,392,868
Denmark	616,916	544,878	Southern Rhodesia	698,868	695,914
France	2,349,302	2,357,867	Northern Rhodesia	50,208	63,518
Germany	10,679,675	566,086			
Italy	1,288,635	1,650,113	Total	152,431,384	142,145,105
Netherlands	2,767,399	2,488,621			
Norway	1,114,983	1,074,703			

Imports of Government Stores.

An interesting feature of the import statistics is that showing the oversea countries, with value in each case, from which Government stores were imported. In the table below are given the principal supplying countries of such merchandise, with respective values of the total goods thus imported during 1915:

Countries of origin.	1915	Countries of origin.	1915
British Empire	$12,215,173	Foreign countries	$443,815
United Kingdom	9,447,395	Germany	44,665
Canada	1,355,661	Netherlands	66,413
India	335,292	Dutch East Indies	124,013
Australia	992,605	Sweden	29,720
		United States	163,466
		Total	12,658,988

Articles Imported and Countries of Origin.

The following table shows the value of the principal articles imported into the Union of South Africa and of those supplied by the leading countries of origin in 1914 and 1915:

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915	Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Antifriction grease	$214,952	$201,176	Apparel and slops—Contd.		
United Kingdom	113,004	90,799	Second-hand	$180,513	$249,807
United States	97,427	110,265	United Kingdom	168,196	239,597
Apparel and slops:			United States	7,796	10,161
Mackintoshes and oilskins		104,431	All other	10,943,396	9,080,481
United Kingdom		76,623	United Kingdom	10,239,525	8,739,485
United States		27,472	India	66,739	61,357
			France	64,014	38,319

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Apparel and slops—Contd.		
All other—Continued.		
Germany	$318,045	$15,938
Switzerland	25,135	27,953
Japan	26,255	27,097
United States	131,498	151,168
Arms and ammunition:		
Cartridges	183,462	81,748
United Kingdom	145,815	58,958
United States	6,302	16,716
Detonators	200,670	175,181
United Kingdom	195,580	104,193
United States	5,090	70,715
Guns, etc.	129,695	27,447
United Kingdom	98,226	21,894
United States	5,626	4,210
Gunpowder	37,262	13,364
United Kingdom	30,250	11,242
United States	676	1,382
Pistols and revolvers	17,082	5,991
United Kingdom	8,419	1,260
United States	4,064	4,609
Assay apparatus	77,557	108,637
United Kingdom	68,447	99,551
United States	1,893	4,390
Bags:		
Corn, grain, and sugar	1,858,569	2,525,412
United Kingdom	192,596	165,938
India	1,664,640	2,355,561
Wool	316,049	395,233
India	312,346	393,963
Flour, etc.	278,852	206,311
United Kingdom	181,097	171,340
India	94,498	33,326
United States	2,619	1,645
Basketware and rattans	61,678	40,286
United Kingdom	17,519	7,855
Japan	18,274	16,439
Beads	83,986	83,610
Germany	19,559	350
Italy	52,568	73,990
Binding twine and harvest yarn	109,287	83,393
Canada	86,891	32,518
United States	18,629	47,322
Brass manufactures	138,077	101,778
United Kingdom	124,466	90,313
Brushware	241,328	189,502
United Kingdom	171,992	151,105
United States	12,268	13,290
Canvas and duck	207,869	403,199
United Kingdom	193,239	339,589
United States	10,663	56,675
Cement	335,832	205,361
United Kingdom	248,566	130,768
Belgium	21,802	5
Denmark	40,913	68,666
Clocks and watches	326,985	292,943
United Kingdom	154,798	107,199
Germany	45,706	798
Switzerland	81,879	109,997
United States	45,010	69,567
Coal	147,114	78,924
United Kingdom	144,194	74,058
Coke	136,602	155,314
United Kingdom	135,994	155,314
Confectionery, fancy	47,443	67,775
United Kingdom	40,372	50,894
United States	4,146	12,925
Cordage and rope (not wire)	209,681	284,933
United Kingdom	162,725	222,472
Norway	25,042	45,779
United States	7,061	10,658
Corks and bungs	118,909	145,981
United Kingdom	84,686	105,539
Spain	16,340	19,797
Cotton manufactures:		
Piece goods	7,380,343	8,764,429
United Kingdom	6,019,374	7,925,684
France	176,459	118,120
Germany	578,218	18,069
Italy	423,920	440,505
Switzerland	70,443	121,419
United States	18,521	62,043

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Cotton manufactures—Con.		
Blankets and rugs	$1,205,372	$914,075
United Kingdom	705,982	658,588
Belgium	261,126	4,584
Germany	155,406	2,492
Netherlands	2,896	243,602
Italy	58,183	67,503
United States	380	6,263
Shawls and shawling	270,111	129,819
United Kingdom	169,481	109,316
Germany	71,781	2,273
Italy	19,675	16,789
Hosiery and underclothing	3,255,476	3,725,566
United Kingdom	2,676,482	2,962,891
Germany	258,216	30,815
Japan	149,616	397,038
United States	76,243	222,910
Waste	131,229	583,964
United Kingdom	93,616	533,236
Germany	22,941	.....
United States	12,424	49,093
Wick	40,118	48,183
United Kingdom	29,028	42,144
United States	1,182	209
All other	1,438,180	1,666,474
United Kingdom	1,301,652	1,567,753
Germany	42,392	2,695
Italy	20,926	20,561
Japan	9,552	45,428
Switzerland	23,593	18,809
United States	3,319	8,482
Drugs, chemicals, and apothecary ware:		
Apothecary ware	722,026	725,173
United Kingdom	515,906	557,788
Germany	98,497	5,951
United States	42,304	67,595
Borax	60,852	80,955
United Kingdom	60,018	80,935
Calcium carbide	256,066	319,977
Canada	111,161	205,249
Norway	105,272	70,443
Sweden	25,403	31,506
United States	12,994	12,390
Caustic soda	107,005	184,202
United Kingdom	101,778	157,140
United States	4,701	24,225
Cyanide of soda	1,812,430	2,453,015
United Kingdom	1,064,153	2,416,419
Germany	739,990	36,596
Disinfectants and germicides	234,598	251,486
United Kingdom	213,464	235,996
United States	4,531	10,346
Medicines	485,570	513,454
United Kingdom	379,216	318,046
United States	77,022	78,034
Potash, compounds of	44,304	64,263
United Kingdom	15,964	43,239
Germany	16,327	595
United States	633	9,864
Soda, compounds of, n. e. s.	64,529	88,472
United Kingdom	63,155	84,399
United States	.....	3,056
Dyes and tanning substances	27,744	66,456
United States	5,368	13,495
United Kingdom	10,400	27,996
Earthen and china ware	666,288	492,351
United Kingdom	519,012	462,064
Germany	107,603	4,857
Electrical material:		
Cable and wire	1,039,493	544,021
United Kingdom	839,471	497,965
Germany	87,670	1,197
United States	107,321	39,419
Fittings (including posts)	1,128,362	879,063
United Kingdom	765,203	606,351
Germany	191,265	7,883
Netherlands	15,168	53,220
United States	107,321	178,682

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Enameled ware	$216,450	$133,243
United Kingdom	90,444	76,447
Germany	115,151	5,333
Netherlands	4,779	21,758
Sweden	1,275	23,587
Felt	56,898	53,681
United Kingdom	33,112	31,053
United States	16,852	21,986
Food and drink, articles of:		
Ale, beer, and stout	138,515	132,443
United Kingdom	111,346	128,018
Germany	25,417	1,144
Baking powder	229,941	317,918
United Kingdom	14,478	29,871
United States	212,344	288,009
Biscuits	273,601	258,449
United Kingdom	260,017	250,308
United States	9,071	6,521
Butter	946,958	593,683
United Kingdom	23,048	24,308
Canada	5	107,584
Australia	560,486	248,076
New Zealand	248,075	28,245
United States	5	30,537
France	71,080	51,867
Argentina	.....	40,635
Margarine and butter substitutes	197,520	143,238
United Kingdom	50,378	80,614
Netherlands	52,592	55,906
Cheese	758,637	756,575
Canada	89,972	135,167
Netherlands	616,916	556,703
Chicory and substitutes	97,265	168,715
United Kingdom	19,441	67,994
Belgium	37,890	1,411
Netherlands	31,958	74,919
United States	350	24,206
Cocoa and chocolate (unsweetened)	209,536	251,431
United Kingdom	97,237	146,029
Netherlands	110,971	105,199
Beans and peas	141,511	163,361
United Kingdom	26,181	33,628
Portuguese East Africa	63,376	98,162
Flour and meal, wheat	2,957,839	2,216,304
Canada	1,129,130	1,671,112
Australia	1,749,531	54,316
United States	73,912	407,856
Jams and jellies	128,283	92,255
United Kingdom	73,153	67,985
Australia	54,159	23,895
Malt	317,392	267,264
United Kingdom	230,988	260,751
Austria-Hungary	33,520	.....
Germany	40,927	.....
United States	11,801	6,513
Dripping and fats	56,359	65,754
United Kingdom	22,293	25,548
United States	23,345	24,041
Argentina	7,757	15,776
Eggs, fresh	288,650	93,599
United Kingdom	68,306	70,628
Denmark	2,905	15,351
Italy	103,004	.....
Russia	103,062	.....
Extracts and essences	48,127	224,077
United Kingdom	40,233	202,577
France	3,164	15,524
Barley, pearl	27,876	46,168
United Kingdom	10,478	32,620
Netherlands	14,118	705
United States	569	12,210
Corn flour and malzena	35,413	66,641
United Kingdom	17,670	20,030
United States	17,670	46,611
Oatmeal	277,775	312,544
United Kingdom	173,023	210,996
Canada	101,929	98,814
Fish—Dried and cured	233,629	251,110
United Kingdom	193,779	180,741
Netherlands	28,040	54,986
Food and drink, etc.—Con.		
Fish—Preserved	$823,993	$1,039,297
United Kingdom	170,916	159,139
Canada	183,476	199,823
Norway	214,705	346,465
Portugal	81,655	158,862
United States	100,104	129,065
Currants and raisins	129,530	114,746
Greece	60,354	89,687
Spain	36,542	16,696
Fruit, bottled and canned	57,463	39,779
United Kingdom	25,033	20,133
United States	11,027	9,996
Fruit, fresh	79,212	33,518
Canada	20,026	12,463
Australia	26,902	316
United States	17,280	1,548
Fruit juices and cordials	74,817	98,322
United Kingdom	45,560	65,498
Australia	25,047	31,554
Lard and substitutes	261,909	295,309
United Kingdom	47,221	49,458
United States	211,697	243,958
Bacon	843,827	793,302
United Kingdom	258,265	237,510
Canada	58,928	82,331
Denmark	449,509	383,261
United States	73,012	87,426
Hams	248,335	282,757
United Kingdom	126,529	116,635
Denmark	33,379	71,046
United States	88,427	95,076
Meats, canned, etc	574,653	655,451
United Kingdom	75,951	96,278
Australia	241,300	174,799
Argentina	40,942	115,185
Uruguay	38,591	36,031
United States	149,552	214,861
Milk, condensed	2,164,956	1,997,230
United Kingdom	1,393,780	1,144,161
Australia	174,667	59,420
Austria	56,407	.....
Netherlands	284,370	514,510
Switzerland	83,168	124,253
United States	43,112	90,025
Oil, cottonseed	149,607	122,576
United Kingdom	20,167	15,835
United States	123,820	103,821
Oil, other	127,239	205,993
United Kingdom	43,745	54,091
India	3,037	69,367
United States	48,865	59,074
Sauces	138,398	153,449
United Kingdom	122,699	140,987
United States	8,618	7,664
Rice and paddy	1,635,947	1,917,177
India	1,342,448	1,387,225
China	35,106	134,867
Siam	152,963	301,713
Spirits, potable	1,575,587	1,806,415
United Kingdom	1,198,278	1,373,638
France	281,118	322,493
Netherlands	56,456	77,961
Sugar	1,314,888	560,848
United Kingdom	61,342	57,711
Mauritius	588,384	21,855
Portuguese East Africa	586,170	446,681
United States	7,898	28,361
Glucose	58,899	82,107
United States	54,626	80,842
Sirup and molasses	316,401	239,087
United Kingdom	315,087	236,906
Tartar, cream of	36,099	57,740
France	22,225	28,177
United States	.....	13,402
Tea	1,434,181	1,551,688
United Kingdom	215,357	126,290
India	225,621	367,216
Ceylon	968,404	1,022,700
Vegetables, canned or preserved	122,989	147,968
United Kingdom	9,441	15,762

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Food and drink, etc.—Con.		
Vegetables, etc.—Con.		
Belgium	$42,387	$1,537
France	17,071	16,847
Italy	10,283	58,992
United States	20,610	26,142
Wines	226,055	251,009
United Kingdom	22,074	24,566
France	130,125	164,341
Portugal	36,294	40,426
Spain	15,966	13,860
Furniture and cabinetware:		
Bedsteads	309,271	282,339
United Kingdom	295,280	263,331
United States	12,015	18,731
Carpets and rugs	255,153	239,517
United Kingdom	195,950	162,828
India	27,251	56,042
Curtains, cushions, covers, etc	167,972	130,703
United Kingdom	120,378	115,589
Germany	30,605	2,414
Linoleums and floorcloths	354,120	302,910
United Kingdom	345,453	299,898
United States	1,557	2,647
Mats and matting	66,991	79,434
United Kingdom	26,118	16,881
India	23,252	45,788
School and church, and decorations	97,631	43,442
United Kingdom	71,241	34,017
United States	12,531	8,092
All other	1,116,060	656,042
United Kingdom	688,623	383,965
Canada	50,081	52,251
United States	167,425	112,892
Glass and glassware:		
Bottles and jars	499,848	497,634
United Kingdom	267,468	223,357
Germany	78,443	2,594
Sweden	75,022	162,716
United States	46,860	69,255
Plate	115,682	149,582
United Kingdom	80,891	132,301
Belgium	32,523	5,884
United States	15	8,866
Window	95,286	143,265
United Kingdom	44,377	80,477
Belgium	44,572	5,363
United States	44	41,152
Glassware	190,718	99,223
United Kingdom	56,106	36,333
Belgium	46,869	1,338
Germany	52,393	1,927
Netherlands	2,234	24,279
United States	12,994	19,714
Glycerin:		
Crude	2,100,926	465,821
United Kingdom	1,177,172	146,764
France	190,115	287,449
Germany	182,995	.....
Netherlands	456,662	.....
Other	.....	1,300,962
United Kingdom	.....	1,216,401
Netherlands	.....	69,980
Haberdashery and millinery:		
Gloves and mittens	205,970	159,850
United Kingdom	55,225	54,378
Belgium	32,202	12,244
France	33,150	52,101
Germany	53,731	9,592
Italy	20,809	24,109
Umbrellas and parasols	99,505	81,382
United Kingdom	94,206	75,752
Haberdashery	4,944,607	4,388,193
United Kingdom	3,205,438	2,881,968
Austria-Hungary	101,641	12,346
France	345,716	406,283
Germany	691,962	38,182
Netherlands	6,662	99,129
Italy	29,399	60,451
Switzerland	393,421	667,095
United States	73,786	128,597

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Hardware and cutlery:		
Axles, etc., for carts and carriages	$209,420	$147,907
United Kingdom	188,490	137,507
United States	17,928	10,020
Bolts, nuts, and rivets	272,300	300,730
United Kingdom	224,613	266,032
Belgium	12,069	78
United States	26,255	33,539
Cash registers	25,579	21,160
United States	25,389	20,887
Cutlery	374,321	377,017
United Kingdom	290,170	336,553
Germany	68,506	2,399
United States	13,290	33,092
Fence wire	1,042,808	395,937
United Kingdom	278,607	82,964
Germany	294,900	9,095
United States	456,925	302,706
Fence standards	457,037	56,783
United Kingdom	74,496	38,718
Belgium	320,211	16,376
Germany	54,719	200
Wire netting	189,498	76,662
United Kingdom	179,559	67,946
Horse shoes	93,636	65,586
United Kingdom	86,896	48,134
United States	6,351	16,619
Nails and screws	272,003	361,269
United Kingdom	166,390	151,076
Canada	136	49,273
United States	40,670	134,623
Sewing machines	268,913	300,913
United Kingdom	197,283	273,342
Germany	56,004	2,560
United States	15,101	21,539
Stoves	274,904	283,625
United Kingdom	145,304	132,588
Sweden	47,633	61,065
United States	68,817	86,156
Tools	322,634	534,794
United Kingdom	125,613	279,649
Germany	31,978	2,394
United States	146,107	231,475
Wire rope	504,481	404,079
United Kingdom	503,877	403,310
All other	2,420,337	1,560,167
United Kingdom	1,838,322	1,189,518
Germany	203,154	12,590
United States	294,750	297,441
Hats and caps:		
Straw	207,352	208,461
United Kingdom	182,878	192,348
All other	789,337	811,883
United Kingdom	707,779	755,918
Italy	29,525	22,911
United States	5,640	6,755
Hops	148,774	90,897
United Kingdom	80,725	57,663
Austria-Hungary	14,838	438
Germany	27,666	2,059
United States	25,111	27,943
Hose, conveying	212,715	243,739
United Kingdom	89,272	96,946
Germany	19,013	5
United States	104,216	146,063
Implements, agricultural:		
Dairy utensils	105,788	144,019
United Kingdom	13,281	11,110
Sweden	46,529	100,260
United States	6,165	7,616
All other	1,668,159	1,120,900
United Kingdom	544,980	464,721
Canada	199,108	116,226
Germany	120,981	11,096
United States	786,310	502,057
India rubber:		
Tires	(a)	1,385,457
United Kingdom	.....	784,490
France	.....	71,348
Italy	.....	231,261
United States	.....	270,339
Other manufactures	165,865	188,524
United Kingdom	130,733	153,747
Germany	12,706	297
United States	14,473	22,405

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Instruments, musical	$555,305	$321,740
United Kingdom	159,908	228,648
Germany	330,966	21,778
United States	43,769	52,519
Iron and steel:		
Angle, channel, and T	95,221	62,577
United Kingdom	64,943	53,895
United States	19,595	8,549
Bar, bolt, and rod	965,784	1,098,155
United Kingdom	870,157	987,676
Belgium	22,926	1,596
Sweden	10,322	64,807
United States	50,324	39,808
Girders, beams, etc	298,174	134,972
United Kingdom	180,367	115,155
Germany	88,940	.....
United States	22,152	19,797
Hoop	50,737	78,720
United Kingdom	22,099	35,340
United States	14,876	42,777
Pipes and fittings	1,559,824	1,043,226
United Kingdom	994,046	696,006
Germany	455,012	41,545
United States	107,871	295,411
Plate and sheet, plain	277,675	594,871
United Kingdom	151,182	250,780
Belgium	31,642	964
United States	85,810	343,127
Galvanized, corrugated	1,290,507	1,032,068
United Kingdom	1,232,601	835,792
United States	54,762	196,276
Galvanized, plain	283,133	186,825
United Kingdom	273,157	156,010
United States	9,309	30,815
Milled, tinned, or rolled and cast	173,239	19,067
United Kingdom	104,084	18,711
United States	25,889	.....
Jewelry	666,928	310,199
United Kingdom	610,843	293,868
United States	2,472	2,292
Lamps and lampware	193,167	156,774
United Kingdom	79,251	72,584
Germany	52,802	4,005
United States	57,497	62,792
Lead and lead acetate	231,476	290,682
United Kingdom	106,274	197,376
Netherlands	40,207	30,328
United States	29,618	48,962
Leather and manufactures:		
In the piece	791,196	1,141,495
United Kingdom	441,667	296,516
Australia	308,847	664,131
United States	27,320	177,559
Boots and shoes (men's)	2,760,352	2,494,280
United Kingdom	2,639,273	2,281,259
United States	99,092	207,761
Boots and shoes (women's)	1,671,584	1,490,914
United Kingdom	1,448,299	1,273,981
Austria-Hungary	25,476	224
Germany	20,215	5
Switzerland	82,745	86,871
United States	91,150	128,198
Boots and shoes (children's)	913,850	721,906
United Kingdom	883,280	698,031
United States	15,558	13,519
Slippers	116,733	59,429
United Kingdom	80,502	57,020
Germany	16,224	.....
United States	4,862	209
Saddlery and harness	203,010	33,072
United Kingdom	199,483	29,515
Other manufactures	387,673	253,850
United Kingdom	337,384	240,268
Germany	37,004	584
United States	4,711	5,163
Machinery, etc.:		
Agricultural	487,122	366,728
United Kingdom	185,287	121,846
Canada	92,410	21,500
United States	185,277	219,508
Machinery, etc.—Contd.		
Bands and belting	$606,524	$713,166
United Kingdom	423,468	524,550
United States	165,782	186,543
Battery cloth	159,897	156,569
United Kingdom	131,293	123,477
Netherlands	8,000	11,953
Cranes and elevators	171,456	94,998
United Kingdom	152,598	86,365
United States	12,298	8,545
Electrical	2,110,449	867,726
United Kingdom	867,045	534,322
Germany	818,594	19,992
Sweden	17,290	23,802
United States	401,958	285,965
Manufacturing	1,519,022	1,482,184
United Kingdom	1,221,778	1,377,540
Belgium	40,523	1,869
Germany	95,743	1,436
United States	96,254	78,088
Mining	3,418,028	2,985,217
United Kingdom	2,233,208	1,788,969
Belgium	28,799	20
Germany	291,513	10,570
Sweden	97,062	11,801
United States	753,422	1,166,655
Mining buckets and tip trucks	264,679	199,463
United Kingdom	232,190	192,353
Germany	30,508	3,723
United States	15	3,377
Packing, engine	153,916	214,253
United Kingdom	79,283	128,607
Germany	19,451	63
United States	50,865	80,974
Printing and bookbinding	165,818	56,689
United Kingdom	116,971	49,458
Germany	23,919	44
United States	24,751	6,404
Pumps	588,000	432,139
United Kingdom	323,155	234,468
Germany	108,208	1,611
Switzerland	8,633	64,305
United States	140,564	126,159
Sewing machines	20,273	17,081
United Kingdom	14,220	10,974
United States	3,810	5,207
Tanks and vats	51,434	56,514
United Kingdom	40,061	45,993
United States	9,397	8,954
Water boring	95,238	19,826
United Kingdom	12,950	1,455
United States	80,229	18,259
Windmills	334,624	168,375
United Kingdom	53,507	24,882
United States	277,667	142,067
Wool and hay presses	44,226	55,137
United Kingdom	13,923	10,366
United States	29,106	44,299
All other	1,971,855	1,290,278
United Kingdom	1,662,468	1,015,113
Germany	113,671	23,997
United States	147,547	222,510
Manures and fertilizers:		
Basic slag	67,090	102,338
United Kingdom	29,374	102,211
Netherlands	19,349	127
Bone manure	89,023	42,709
United Kingdom	25,690	18,084
India	24,498	21,904
Germany	13,003	370
Netherlands	17,155	49
Superphosphates	428,761	535,879
United Kingdom	87,995	457,947
Germany	45,258	.....
Netherlands	290,632	26,766
United States	.....	38,144
Metal composition	71,453	99,642
United Kingdom	65,522	79,343
United States	5,216	20,279
Motion-picture films	.....	195,205
United Kingdom	.....	189,156
United States	.....	5,815

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Nitrates	$1,073,116	$546,628
Chile	1,044,682	540,876
Oilman's stores:		
Blacking and boot polish	243,028	202,300
United Kingdom	236,872	197,672
United States	3,796	4,540
Bluing	63,863	66,953
United Kingdom	63,493	65,245
Resin and rosin	45,215	84,744
France	23,121	46,713
United States	21,320	21,214
Sausage casings	48,347	58,422
United States	33,316	51,916
Starch	122,009	133,298
United Kingdom	95,851	88,950
Netherlands	6,179	14,395
United States	5,951	29,476
All other	356,610	460,660
United Kingdom	274,976	351,063
United States	46,056	91,308
Oils, mineral:		
Lubricating	726,636	674,797
United Kingdom	86,881	65,692
United States	627,667	606,064
Motor spirits, benzine, and naphtha	1,164,299	1,336,896
Dutch East Indies	557,837	694,917
United States	600,817	638,630
Paraffin	1,284,580	1,184,564
United States	1,283,169	1,184,554
Oils, vegetable:		
Castor	77,889	110,020
United Kingdom	48,787	69,859
India	26,570	35,836
Coconut	83,521	153,443
United Kingdom	9,508	32,070
India	25,252	17,042
Ceylon	1,815	21,252
Australia	29,067	21,174
Mauritius	16,575	32,883
Zanzibar	.....	26,502
Essential and perfumed	88,749	62,394
United Kingdom	20,221	19,324
India	30,980	467
United States	6,968	7,932
Linseed	189,828	169,530
United Kingdom	189,161	169,325
Paints, varnishes, etc.:		
Turpentine and substitutes	71,653	72,418
United States	69,498	71,241
Varnish	107,534	94,059
United Kingdom	93,568	82,117
United States	9,411	11,373
Water paints and distempers	59,672	57,297
United Kingdom	24,755	23,753
United States	33,963	33,301
All other	592,071	535,314
United Kingdom	520,539	494,260
United States	43,005	28,235
Paper:		
Bags	176,254	203,448
United Kingdom	150,433	169,904
United States	21,841	33,121
Wall	132,144	100,844
United Kingdom	116,727	98,951
Printing	960,343	826,614
United Kingdom	439,567	387,121
Canada	288,393	274,461
Germany	73,294	1,144
Norway	30,133	34,985
Sweden	54,903	89,359
United States	45,234	17,821
Wrapping	303,267	388,612
United Kingdom	80,847	105,792
Germany	35,116	1,114
Norway	57,069	67,206
Sweden	110,898	165,222
United States	5,289	20,746
Perfumery, etc.:		
Perfumery	$311,441	$390,585
United Kingdom	149,874	162,974
France	34,089	45,229
United States	111,204	177,892
Perfumed spirits	83,999	85,401
United Kingdom	46,309	74,540
France	9,173	9,192
Germany	26,230	273
Phonographs and accessories	380,572	70,627
United Kingdom	334,363	61,727
Germany	21,167	1,348
United States	5,031	1,567
Photographic materials	240,176	218,904
United Kingdom	132,490	127,960
United States	87,845	88,551
Plate, silver, and plated ware	527,561	286,403
United Kingdom	468,371	279,448
United States	5,883	3,986
Printers' and bookbinders' materials, n. e. s	233,047	175,102
United Kingdom	168,011	110,966
Netherlands	22,702	24,021
Sweden	12,268	16,343
United States	10,332	13,972
Quicksilver	134,815	237,654
Austria-Hungary	67,824	.....
Italy	7,494	70,243
Spain	34,265	114,898
United States	9,226	50,105
Rails, light, and accessories, for industrial purposes	(a)	197,288
United Kingdom	.....	66,652
Germany	.....	28,313
United States	.....	101,709
Railway material:		
Rails	380,798	142,475
United Kingdom	23,744	39,910
Germany	328,503	35,369
United States	25,519	66,490
Sleepers	146,997	80,218
United Kingdom	1,810	41,589
Australia	132,835	27,860
Germany	11,251	5,362
United States	.....	4,774
Locomotives	62,689	42,173
United Kingdom	35,194	39,214
Germany	22,600	.....
United States	4,895	2,959
Rolling stock	163,231	63,225
United Kingdom	58,685	38,425
Germany	97,904	4,278
United States	5,907	19,276
All other	117,190	114,435
United Kingdom	47,278	65,143
Germany	68,452	12,336
United States	569	36,781
Saddlers' and shoemakers' material (not leather)	141,946	229,704
United Kingdom	127,785	220,847
United States	3,796	3,883
Seeds, garden, vegetable, and field	121,307	79,923
United Kingdom	46,981	48,538
Australia	12,901	3,572
France	19,792	13,713
Germany	17,364	151
United States	8,239	5,830
Sheep dip	215,250	330,856
United Kingdom	192,251	257,917
United States	18,283	72,939
Ship chandlers' stores	99,505	125,142
United Kingdom	79,353	103,958
Norway	13,115	6,949
United States	3,124	5,407
Silk manufactures:		
Piece goods	246,868	457,621
United Kingdom	31,992	48,743
India	15,548	73,061
France	51,896	53,999

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Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Silk manufactures—Contd.		
Piece goods—Contd.		
Switzerland	$33,735	$46,976
China	26,824	56,515
Japan	68,087	158,400
Hosiery and underclothing	36,879	23,853
United Kingdom	14,921	12,473
Japan	11,811	3,192
United States	2,739	3,650
All other	162,926	231,329
United Kingdom	82,336	94,016
India	13,597	10,628
Japan	39,911	101,213
Soap:		
Common	189,463	141,912
United Kingdom	151,606	87,914
Australia	26,702	40,227
United States	7,538	13,130
Toilet	155,100	219,124
United Kingdom	102,756	141,956
United States	39,901	74,175
Solder	45,745	48,861
United Kingdom	45,458	48,611
Sporting goods	398,059	279,863
United Kingdom	381,690	268,237
United States	2,423	4,112
Stationery and books:		
Books	1,093,376	1,043,558
United Kingdom	1,010,753	980,712
Netherlands	47,730	39,071
United States	14,061	14,551
Cardboard boxes	99,732	99,060
United Kingdom	89,617	87,943
Cards, playing	21,865	23,150
United Kingdom	6,979	5,611
United States	14,813	17,534
Ink, printers'	62,082	44,344
United Kingdom	52,446	40,685
United States	2,078	2,891
Ink, other kinds	33,447	30,090
United Kingdom	32,304	28,761
Printed matter n. e. s	733,255	497,449
United Kingdom	638,533	439,026
Germany	30,382	1,757
United States	35,882	37,058
Twine	113,325	106,610
United Kingdom	111,560	104,245
Typewriters and accessories	121,993	63,683
United States	105,970	52,655
All other	971,018	863,380
United Kingdom	787,346	718,465
Austria-Hungary	16,205	1,139
Germany	45,147	2,234
Netherlands	17,086	19,554
United States	85,178	99,082
Surgical and dental appliances	183,418	218,739
United Kingdom	141,474	176,162
United States	23,982	35,287
Tallow and substitutes	382,542	433,283
Australia	345,468	394,687
United States	112	9,217
Tar and substitutes	86,088	100,872
United Kingdom	68,331	83,898
Mexico	234	10,195
Telegraph and telephone material, n. e. s	71,629	54,827
United Kingdom	44,723	40,466
United States	5,124	5,431
Tents and tarpaulins	154,929	120,572
United Kingdom	140,165	115,978
Tin and tinware:		
Plate and sheet	241,252	384,736
United Kingdom	221,552	318,941
United States	19,617	65,756
Manufactures	143,625	186,500
United Kingdom	98,581	169,194
United States	25,286	14,848
Tobacco:		
Unmanufactured	244,780	145,557
Turkish Empire	49,687	35,822
United States	160,916	91,355

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Tobacco—Continued.		
Cigars	$196,504	$173,247
United Kingdom	14,054	13,543
Netherlands	62,106	59,819
Cuba	93,072	87,086
Philippine Islands	12,736	9,314
Cigarettes	334,655	184,838
United Kingdom	301,331	165,787
Other manufactures	24,357	26,109
United Kingdom	17,738	18,702
United States	5,660	7,086
Tobacconists' wares:		
Pipes	126,276	66,262
United Kingdom	53,327	30,893
France	59,147	38,861
All other	92,031	87,666
United Kingdom	49,439	44,290
France	19,597	29,754
United States	1,611	3,577
Toys and fancy goods:		
Toys	207,284	246,113
United Kingdom	100,123	164,818
France	3,460	23,641
Germany	85,052	8,341
United States	13,441	36,611
Fancy goods	220,530	221,479
United Kingdom	115,793	165,807
Germany	57,006	4,506
United States	2,813	7,655
Tramway material:		
Rails	68,798	35,807
United Kingdom	11,036	26,702
Germany	35,613	.....
United States	21,422	9,105
Rolling stock	104,333	124,436
United Kingdom	93,568	104,420
United States	1,981	19,622
All other (including sleepers)	98,250	38,815
United Kingdom	59,600	26,294
United States	24,605	9,387
Vehicles:		
Bicycles, tricycles, and parts	770,407	346,295
United Kingdom	700,093	333,989
United States	7,290	9,056
Carriages and carts, and parts	134,101	86,080
United Kingdom	25,535	6,064
United States	95,636	68,321
Motorcycles and parts	797,439	543,257
United Kingdom	698,635	365,367
United States	63,532	175,311
Motor cars and parts	3,668,008	2,255,267
United Kingdom	1,585,472	438,545
Canada	621,583	703,433
France	131,069	7,864
Germany	202,807	2,385
Italy	135,931	2,195
United States	957,868	1,099,001
Perambulators	50,855	61,814
United Kingdom	39,536	40,651
United States	10,662	20,760
Power lorries	130,106	121,328
United Kingdom	71,143	25,452
France	12,906	2,594
United States	36,830	89,160
Wheelbarrows	39,428	23,684
United Kingdom	5,723	1,372
United States	33,116	15,295
All other and parts	84,006	5,835
United Kingdom	39,726	1,679
United States	35,798	4,156
Wax:		
Paraffin	626,159	823,392
United Kingdom	122,310	139,616
India	148,404	138,088
United States	317,607	533,487
Stearin	148,218	142,472
United Kingdom	61,970	78,098
Belgium	74,331	1,582
Netherlands	2,866	32,547
United States	9,051	27,369

Articles and countries of origin.	1914	1915
Wood and timber:		
Oak	$76,161	$128,665
Japan	6,317	20,984
United States	64,394	104,128
Pine	1,931,718	1,205,977
Canada	201,011	150,594
Norway	300,842	162,415
Russia	100,732	31,082
Sweden	893,410	607,962
United States	424,723	251,520
Poplar	26,314	25,364
United States	24,732	25,359
Walnut	30,839	26,211
United States	30,815	25,763
All other kinds	267,945	180,324
Canada	62,354	86,837
Australia	32,328	54,690
Russia	81,455	2,307
Sweden	37,307	.....
United States	43,983	33,866
Lumber—Flooring and ceiling	697,394	373,021
Norway	180,387	177,846
Sweden	494,168	173,087
United States	9,855	6,579
Other planed and grooved lumber	88,046	59,897
Canada	24,980	14,775
United States	45,526	32,552
Wood, manufactures:		
Boxes, and parts	434,722	519,883
United Kingdom	38,552	36,942
Norway	58,310	39,892
Sweden	301,407	425,740
United States	5,864	2,141
Casks	40,281	35,010
United Kingdom	10,205	7,874
Norway	7,621	12,424
United States	11,130	1,426
Wood, manufactures—Con.		
Handles for picks, etc	$74,054	$70,954
United Kingdom	24,654	12,006
United States	42,300	51,926
Houses and frames	253,019	85,037
United Kingdom	77,153	5,606
Sweden	62,982	24,182
United States	100,625	51,891
Stakes	47,896	36,898
United States	39,164	34,231
All other	186,967	178,532
United Kingdom	66,228	61,031
Russia	28,182	43,697
United States	45,390	42,646
Woolen manufactures:		
Cloth and piece goods	1,395,327	1,784,263
United Kingdom	1,233,974	1,715,037
France	94,147	50,845
Germany	50,485	2,677
United States	292	1,986
Blankets and rugs	1,137,233	1,009,254
United Kingdom	966,517	933,390
Germany	61,396	764
Italy	78,886	55,162
Shawls and shawling	251,330	150,058
United Kingdom	186,368	135,288
Germany	44,314	2,696
Hosiery and underclothing	450,511	430,266
United Kingdom	401,475	411,009
Germany	29,116	1,737
United States	5,270	6,433
All other	71,372	117,691
United Kingdom	42,563	112,207
Germany	26,449	1,343
Zinc	683,252	1,004,845
Belgium	68,112	302
Germany	245,087	8,049
United States	340,051	984,697

South Africa an Attractive Market.

While not approaching many other countries in the volume and aggregate value of its import trade, principally by reason of its comparatively small white population and general lack of development of its immense resources, South Africa nevertheless offers an attractive field for trade cultivation and development in practically all lines of manufactured products, as a study of the import figures will show.

Outside of the gold and diamond industries, which are conducted on a much larger scale than anywhere else in the world and with a yearly output incomparably greater than that of any other country, there are few industrial establishments in South Africa, which is therefore dependent to a large extent on over-sea countries for the merchandise in daily use by its people and for the needs of its mineral and agricultural industries. In other words, outside of its exports of gold, diamonds, and other minerals, to which may be added a few raw products, such as wool, hides and skins, ostrich feathers, and corn, South Africa is essentially an importing country.

Export Trade by Countries.

Exports of South African produce from the Union of South Africa in 1915 totaled $73,134,511, as compared with $187,336,287 in 1914; but the figures for 1914 include $99,977,211 worth of raw gold that was exported (all to the United Kingdom) during the first seven months, while those for 1915 do not include any gold, as the figures for the exports of that metal will not be available until after the close of the war.

In the following table is shown the value of the Union's exports of South African produce, by countries, in 1914 and 1915:

Countries of destination.	1914	1915	Countries of destination.	1914	1915
British Empire	$167,573,986	$53,033,798	Foreign countries—Con.		
United Kingdom	164,395,261	47,980,064	Germany	$6,973,218	.....
Canada	22,435	106,425	German Southwest Africa	222,000	.....
India	368,997	410,557	Portugal	.....	$68,831
Ceylon	266,305	139,498	Portuguese East Africa	552,343	504,150
Australia	404,270	1,475,396	Portuguese West Africa	37,715	90,799
British East Africa	93,223	118,373	Argentina	.....	149,367
Mauritius	189,886	251,141	United States	1,348,585	11,331,791
Straits Settlements	1,701,927	1,277,101			
Foreign countries	11,949,404	12,580,525	Total	187,336,287	73,134,511
Belgium	2,698,595	.....			
France	396,581	43,579			
French possessions	32,844	120,066			

The outstanding feature of the South African export trade for 1915 is the heavy increase in the value of the shipments to the United States to $11,331,791 from $1,348,585 in 1914. The exported articles mainly responsible for this large increase were wool, hides and skins, feathers, angora hair, rough diamonds, buchu leaves, aloes, and argol.

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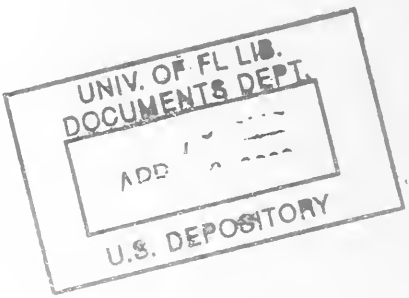
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